

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT****NOTICE OF EXEMPTION****TO BE COMPLETED BY OPR ONLY****Date Received For Filing and Posting at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_Project Title: Amend Conflict-of-Interest Code of the Department of Toxic Substances Control, R-03-08State Clearinghouse Number: N/AContact Person: James McRitchie Phone # (916) 327-8642Project Location (*Include County*):

statewide

Project Description:

Amend California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66250.2, Employee Designations, in order to include employees in positions that make or participate in making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. These amendments include updates to reflect the current organizational structure of the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Classifications affected include Accounting Administrators, Budget Analysts, Research Scientists, Information Officers, Records Management Analyst and Programmer Analysts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Exempt Status: (Include citation from Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.)

Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061(b)(3). No possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) finds that the adoption of the Conflict of Interest Code is exempt because CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. This rulemaking will not adversely impact the environment because the changes are simply of an administrative nature to conform with statutory requirements for reporting by DTSC staff. The new classifications added provide consistency in disclosure requirements with job duties of other classes already in required to report. The addition of personnel classifications listed would not result in limiting staff necessary for direct field response if a conflict of interest were to occur. Adequate substitute staff exists in these classifications to allow the duties to still occur if a particular staff person were to be recused from duty due to a conflict. Therefore, there will be no significant impact on DTSC's ability to carry out its mission of environmental protection.

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